

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Ludlam, Scott

Question:

Senator LUDLAM: That is fair enough. Minister or Mr Secretary, can I throw that one to you on notice, seeing that we are out of time. In the specific case of when you have got diagnostic criteria that have been identified for conditions such as this, which has been out there in the cloud for a while as very poorly understood, how do we get that information into the hands of GPs so that people are properly diagnosed?

Senator Nash: We will take that on notice.

Answer:

Australian Government agencies help to support evidence-based best practice by General Practitioners (GPs) and other health professionals through the development of evidence-based clinical care standards and clinical practice guidelines on a range of topics. Further information is available at <https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/clinical-care-standards/> and <https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines-publications>

Under national registration arrangements, GPs are required to comply with a continuous professional development (CPD) registration standard (the Standard). This Standard provides guidance on what is expected of their CPD on annual basis. The Standard refers medical practitioners to their relevant specialist medical college that have responsibility for provision of specific guidance for and provision of CPD activities. There are two colleges for general practitioners: the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine.